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MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: June 8, 1998
Meeting Time: 10:50 A.M.
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington St.,
Room 404
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number: 2

Members Present: Rep. John Gregg, Chairman; Rep. Paul Mannweiler; Rep. Charlie Brown; Rep. Jeffrey Linder; Rep. Richard Mangus; Sen. Robert Garton, Vice-Chairman; Sen. Richard Young; Sen. Harold Wheeler; Sen. Joseph Harrison; Sen. Patricia Miller; Sen. Thomas Wyss; Sen. James Lewis; Sen. Earline Rogers.

Members Absent: Rep. William Cochran; Rep. Dale Grubb; Rep. Mark Kruzan.

The Chairman, Representative Gregg, called the meeting to order, requested a roll call, declared a quorum present to transact business, and opened the meeting.

ADVANCE PLANNING FOR 2001 REDISTRICTING

The Chairman asked Philip Sachtleben, Acting Executive Director of the Legislative Services Agency (LSA), to discuss the first item of business. Mr. Sachtleben informed the Council that legislative leadership had requested him to draft Proposed Legislative Council Resolution (LCR) 98-3 which has two purposes:

- (1) set ground rules for hardware and software acquisition for use in drawing Congressional and legislative districts after the 2000

census; and
(2) guarantee public access to electronic re-mapping hardware and software.

A technical amendment in SECTION 5 was adopted by consent. After a brief discussion, LCR 98-3, as amended, was adopted by consent.

REQUEST FOR FUNDING BY THE LOBBY REGISTRATION COMMISSION

The second agenda item concerned LCR 98-4 which would urge the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council to use a portion of the Legislative Council Contingency Fund to assist the Lobby Registration Commission in its efforts to publish and distribute information and official commentary to all registered lobbyists and interested parties.

Mr. Sachtleben noted that the Commission's original estimate of \$8,000 had increased to \$10,000. By consent, the Council voted to increase the amount as requested, and then adopted the amended LCR 98-4.

REQUEST TO PAY FY 99 DUES TO THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS

Proposed LCR 98-5 would direct the LSA to pay \$111,195 in dues to the Council of State Governments (CSG). In response to Representative Mannweiler's question, Mr. Sachtleben stated that this item appears on the agenda at the request of the Chairman. In previous years, items such as this (where the LSA received a line item for a specific purpose) did not require Council action before implementation.

After a discussion about the formula used to compute CSG dues, LCR 98-5 was adopted by consent.

ONE YEAR EXTENSION OF THE INDIANA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE PRINTING CONTRACT

Proposed LCR 98-6 would extend the Legislative Council's Indiana Administrative Code (IAC) contract with the Conway Greene Publishing Company by one year. In response to a question from Senator Wyss, Mr. Sachtleben explained that our present contract has run for the past three years. Under that contract, two one-year extensions are permitted. After that time the entire contract must be re-bid.

Conway Greene Publishing proposed to add 6% to the original costs permitted under the contract. Mr. Sachtleben noted that this percentage increase, when compared with the CPI and the Producer Price Index during the past three years,

was reasonable. For that reason, and because of the staff's positive evaluation of this vendor's performance, the staff recommended adoption of LCR 98-6.

After further discussion, LCR 98-6 was adopted by consent.

CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU'S 2000 REDISTRICTING PROGRAM

The next item on the agenda, LCR 98-7, would continue Indiana's voluntary participation in the Voting District Program Phase (VTDP) of the Census Bureau's Congressionally mandated "Census 2000 Redistricting Program". At the request of the Chairman, Mr. Sachtleben explained that Indiana is currently participating in the "Block Boundary Suggestion Program" (BBSP) phase of the 2000 Redistricting Program, and that the Legislative Council must notify the Census Bureau if it intends to participate in the VTDP Phase and to rename liasons with the Census Bureau.

After a brief discussion, LCR 98-7 to continue Indiana's participation and rename Census Bureau liasons was adopted by consent.

CHARGES FOR LSA DOCUMENTS

The Chairman added an item of new business concerning the fee schedule used by the LSA for copying and distributing documents to the public. Mr. Sachtleben reported that on July 30, 1997 the Council adopted a fee schedule (LCR 9-97) that expires on June 30, 1998. Mr. Sachtleben noted that the Council had recently created the Interim Committee on State Government Issues and given it the assignment to study the fees charged by public agencies for records. Because of that charge, Mr. Sachtleben recommended that the Council extend LCR 9-97 indefinitely in order to give the Council the benefit of the interim committee's study.

Senator Harrison questioned whether the extension needed to be "indefinite", and proposed an extension to October 1, 1998. Representative Gregg and Senator Garton questioned whether October 1 would guarantee enough time to receive and complete action on the interim committee's anticipated recommendations. Senator Harrison then withdrew his motion, and a motion to extend the expiration date of the current fee schedule indefinitely was adopted by voice vote, with Senator Harrison voting no. [This motion is attached as LCR 98-7A]

IN-HOUSE COMPOSITION OF LEGISLATIVE BILLS: DISCUSSION ITEM

The Chairman asked Mr. Sachtleben to summarize the present printing contract

and procedures used for legislative bills. Mr. Sachtleben noted that for many years the Legislative Council had contracted with a private printer to compose and photocopy the bills. The cost of that contract is about \$.095 per page. Mr. Sachtleben reported that the LSA has for several years used private and public photocopying firms to mass duplicate legislative bills at a cost of \$0.02 per page. Accordingly, the "composition" aspect of the private printing contract costs about \$0.07 per page. Mr. Sachtleben said that he was bringing this matter to the attention of the Council in order to permit an evaluation of whether the composition of legislative bills could and/or should be done in-house. Mr. Sachtleben discussed the cost estimates and projected savings that such a move might entail, and noted the training, space, and logistical problems that would need to be addressed if any changes were made.

In response to a question from Representative Brown, Mr. Sachtleben stated that there are currently four sets of proofreaders used in the process (the private printer, LSA, Senate and House each have their own proofreaders). Representative Brown then asked for an explanation of the anticipated costs associated with in-house composition of bills.

Senator Harrison asked whether the merging of amendments and committee reports would be part of the in-house duties. In reply to this question, and another from Senator Miller, Mr. Sachtleben discussed a computer program that was developed for the LSA this year that automatically merges about 80% of the commands used in amendments and committee reports.

Senator Harrison asked about the timing of the proofreading of bills. Mr. Sachtleben explained that under the current system the bills are proofread after they have been distributed onto members' desks.

Senator Harrison then asked whether a private photocopying company could be found that could perform under the late evening and tight deadline schedule dictated by the House and Senate processes. Carolyn Tinkle, Principal Secretary of the Senate, answered that the state print shop and private companies should be able to perform under a contract up to the specifications of the General Assembly.

In response to Senator Harrison's question, Mr. Sachtleben noted that additional space would be needed if the bills were to be composed in-house.

In response to Senator Wyss's question, Mr. Sachtleben stated that there would no longer be any need for the services of the state police who currently transport the official copy of each bill from the secretary and clerk's offices to the printer.

Chairman concluded the discussion by urging members to discuss this topic

with Carolyn Tinkle and Matt Pierce.

EXPIRATION OF PYTHIA TECHNICIAN CONTRACT

This item was added to the Council's agenda as other business. The Chairman asked Mr. Sachtleben to explain the discussions and agreement that the Personnel Subcommittee had reached concerning the question of whether to renew the contract that the General Assembly currently has for personal computer (PC) technicians with the Pythia Corporation in light of the vendor's financial difficulties. Mr. Sachtleben explained that under the proposal, the Executive Director of the LSA would be authorized to negotiate with Pythia to obtain a release from certain contractual matters between Pythia and two of the present technicians. These negotiations could include the payment of a "finders fee" and would be limited to a dollar amount that had been confidentially discussed by the Personnel Subcommittee.

After discussion of the pros and cons associated with the current situation and the Personnel Subcommittee proposal, a motion authorizing negotiations with Pythia that would permit the hiring of four technicians as regular LSA employees, and the subsequent hiring of those employees, was adopted by consent.

RESOLUTION HONORING REPRESENTATIVE PHIL WARNER

Representative Mannweiler made a motion to direct the Executive Director to draft a Legislative Council resolution honoring the life and public service of Representative Philip Warner who had succumbed to an illness in recent weeks. The motion was adopted by consent.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.